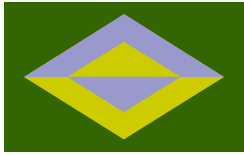


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## Pesticides

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Pests live where they are not wanted or cause harm to crops, people or animals. Pesticides can help get rid of them. Though you may think of pesticides as insect killers, they include chemicals to control weeds, rodents, mildew, germs and more. Many household products contain pesticides.

Pesticides can protect your health by killing germs, animals or plants that could hurt you. However, most

pesticides can be harmful to people or pets. You might want to try non-chemical methods first. If you do need a pesticide, use it correctly. Be especially careful around children and pets. Disposing of pesticides properly is also important—it can help protect the environment.

Biologically-based pesticides are becoming more popular. They often are safer than traditional pesticides.

**IN CASE OF AN EMERGENCY:** Try to determine what the person was exposed to and what part of the body was affected **before** you take action, since taking the right action is as important as taking immediate action. If the person is unconscious having trouble breathing, or having convulsions, give needed first aid immediately.

Call 911 or your local emergency service. If the person does not have these symptoms, contact your local Poison Control Center at 1-800-222-1222. Have the product container with you when you call for assistance—remember to act fast!



## KICKAPOO ENVIRONMENTAL OFFICE



# The Green Clan



## Kickapoo Earth Day Celebration



The Kickapoo Earth Day Celebration on April 28, 2011 was a big success! We had 81 volunteers that signed in to help pick-up an estimated 3,037 pounds of trash and litter from the Kickapoo Veterans Memorial Highway! The success of this event is a great example of how a community can pull together and make a difference. Bare-root trees, t-shirts and mugs were given to the volunteers and a noon meal was held at the Kickapoo Housing Authority afterwards. We would like to thank everyone who helped and participated in this great event!



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## The Green Clan

Working Together for a Better  
Community!

## Household Hazardous Waste Round Up

*The Kickapoo Environmental Office sponsored the first annual Household Hazardous Waste Round Up for the Kickapoo Reservation on April 22, 2011. A total of 1650 lbs. of household hazardous waste was collected that day. We would like to thank all that brought in materials for proper disposal. This will help preserve water resources, improve indoor air quality and reduce the potential for accidents.*



### *\$12.00 Worm Bin*

*Article by: Mike Kelley*



In previous articles I've discussed the benefit of composting with worms. Now, I'd like to show you how to build a cheap bin for your worms that you can keep in your home. The only things you'll need for this project is: a drill for making vents and drainage holes, two 10 gallon plastic bins (don't get the see through kind, worms like it dark) and some shredded newspaper.

First, you'll need to drill twenty evenly spaced 1/4 inch holes in the bottom of each bin. The newly drilled holes will provide a place for moisture to drain.

Second, you'll be drilling a series of 1/16th inch vent holes. These will need to be about 1 1/2 inches apart on each side of the bin near the top edge and in one (and only one) of the lids.

With those tasks being completed, it is time to prepare some bedding for the worms. You can do this by shredding some old newspaper into 1 inch strips. The worms like bedding that is moist but not soggy. Get the newspaper moist by soaking it in water and then wringing out any water you can. Next, cover the bottom of one of the bins with about 4

inches of moist newspaper. If you have any old leaves or leaf litter, you can use some of that as well. Mix in a few handfuls of dirt to help the worms digest their food.

Now you can add your red wiggler worms to your bedding and place the lid with the vent holes on top. You'll also want to make sure to place your bin in a well-ventilated area out of direct sunlight. For the cost of about \$12 and about half an hour's worth of work you can now compost in the comfort of your own home.

